

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An air clarifying apparatus (1) comprising negative ion generating means (2) for maintaining an average concentration value of negative ions in the vicinity of a blowout port thereof at 200,000 to 1,000,000 pieces/cc and indoor air circulating means (4), and further comprising ozone generating means (3) having a capability of for maintaining [[the]] an average concentration value of ozone being in a state of being discharged and scattered in a room at a range of 0.02 to 0.05 ppm in an indoor atmosphere, being characterized in that wherein the negative ions and [[the]] ozone having said concentration are allowed to coexist in an indoor atmosphere.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): An air clarifying method for creating a comfortable indoor environment using [[said]] an air clarifying apparatus (1) comprising [[said]] an negative ion generating means (2) for maintaining an average concentration value of negative ions in the vicinity of a blowout port at 200,000 to 1,000,000 pieces/cc, [[said]] an indoor air circulating means (4) [[and ]] an said ozone generating means (3) having a capability of for maintaining [[the]] an average concentration value of ozone being in a state of being discharged and scattered in a room at a range of 0.02 to 0.05 ppm in an indoor atmosphere, and by circulating and stirring indoor air so that the negative ions and [[the]] ozone having said concentration are allowed to coexist in an indoor atmosphere.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (new): The air clarifying apparatus according to claim 1 comprising a means for controlling said negative ion generating means such that said average concentration of negative ions is set at a predetermined value within said range of 200,000 to 1,000,000 pieces/cc and for controlling said ozone generating means such that said average concentration of ozone is set at a predetermined value within said range of 0.02 to 0.05 ppm.

Claim 6 (new): The air clarifying method according to claim 3 comprising a means for controlling said negative ion generating means such that said average concentration of negative ions is set at a predetermined value within said range of 200,000 to 1,000,000 pieces/cc and for controlling said ozone generating means such that said average concentration of ozone is set at a predetermined value within said range of 0.02 to 0.05 ppm.